

WEATHER.  
Unsettled today and Tuesday;  
light rains; slowly rising  
temperature.

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## STEVE ROSCO A FREE MAN

Gov. Marshall Pardons Hammond  
Man Through Intercession of  
H. E. Granger of this City

## CONVICTED BY JUDGE

Interesting Case Once in the  
City Police Court Is  
Brought to Light.

Steve Rosko, of 419 Cedar street, is a free man today owing to his pardon from Governor Marshall, which was procured through the efforts of H. E. Granger. Some time ago Rosko was convicted by ex-Judge McMahon of the city court on the charge of larceny, the evidence against him having been in his possession which belonged to John Sleser, a Tolleston carpenter.

**ROSKO TELLS STORY.**  
Rosko said that he was innocent of the theft, saying that he had bought them of two foreigners who had since then left for Europe. Judge McMahon, however, considered the evidence against him strong enough to convict and fined him \$112, which he was unable to pay, and for which he had to go to the county jail. H. E. Granger took an interest in the case and filed an application for a writ of certiorari to the United States court of appeals.

After having the application under consideration for a month. This ends Walsh's last hope, and it was announced that preparations will be made at once to take him to the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., to begin serving out his five-year sentence.

**HAMMOND AUTHORITIES ARE WATCHING TROUBLE AT THE STANDARD STEEL CAR PLANT WITH GREAT PRECAUTIONS; HOPE FOR ARBITRATION.**

The only development in the strike situation at the Standard Steel Car plant is the fact that a number of machinists have gone out. There has been no violence so far and the situation is said to be well in hand.

The saloons are still closed and a committee of East Hammond saloon-keepers have gone to Mayor Becker to see if they could not be permitted to re-open their places of business.

It is impossible to find out just how many men are out, but it is said that there are several hundred. There is a detail of several police officers in the district and they have done excellent work in maintaining order.

It is evident that the strikers are not going to give Hammond a McKee's Rocks reputation if the police can prevent violence on the part of the strikers.

**Swears in Deputies.**  
Chief of Police Peter Austgen has decided to swear in a number of deputies so that he will not be compelled to have so many of his regular men out in the Standard district.

A number of meetings have been held in various places in the city and it is said that a meeting of the American employees of the plant is to be held in Huehn's hall in this city in the near future.

There is said to be a movement on foot on the part of the business men of the city to see if the difficulties between the workers and the company can not be settled by arbitration.

They regret very much that this trouble has come up at this time and believe that Hammond's prestige as an industrial center free from labor difficulties will be endangered if this trouble is allowed to go on.

The business men look at this matter from a personal point of view and it is safe to say that those who have been looking forward to a prosperous season with the Standard running at full force, do not like the idea of labor troubles.

For this reason it is possible that steps will be taken to have the difficulties between the employees and the company settled temporarily and then when the company takes orders for new cars it can make its estimates on the highest cost of labor.

**Criminal Trials Begin.**  
The criminal work in the Lake superior court began this morning with the trial of the state of Indiana vs. Anderson. The trial was the first that Attorney James O. Koonz, the Hammond colored attorney, tried in this court. The criminal docket will be taken up this week and will possibly take a part of next week. The jury has been impaneled this afternoon, but this is as far as the cases go.

**ARE YOU TAKING THE TIMES?**

## SICKNESS KEEPS G. A. R. FROM INSTALLING

Number of Officers Ill Causes  
the Postponement of  
Meeting.

Owing to sickness of several of the members of the local G. A. R. post, the installation of the new officers which was to have been held last Saturday evening was postponed. It is now expected that the installation meeting will be held on the first Saturday in February. Two of the members who were to be installed as officers are connected to their homes owing to illness. They are the Rev. F. M. Elliott, who has been elected as vice commander, and Patrick Reilly, who was elected as officer of the guard. The commander-elect, George Post, is also among those who do not enjoy the best of health.

The winter has been a rather severe one on the old soldiers. It is hoped, however, that by the next meeting night the members and officers will be in such shape that the installation can be successfully held.

## DENIAL IS ENTERED IN STORY

General Passenger Agent of  
Lake Shore Railroad Says  
That Loop Suburban Service  
Is Not to Be Aband-

It has been widely rumored in Hammond that the Lake Shore railroad would abandon its suburban service in the near future, on account of the difficulty that this road has had with its track elevation at Grand Crossing.

Two Times got into communication with the Chicago office of the railroad and asked the general western passenger agent if it is true that the loop suburban service is to be abandoned.

**Enters Strong Denial.**  
He denied that this even contemplated. He stated that the work of track elevation has now progressed to a point where the east-bound trains are using the elevation over the crossing, and he said that it would only be a matter of a few weeks when the west-bound trains would also be running over the elevation.

From now on it is expected that the Lake Shore service will improve, and when the work of elevation at Grand Crossing is finally completed the running time on both the main line will be much faster.

**Complain of Service.**  
At the present time, however, the service of the Lake Shore railroad is about as bad as it could possibly be. Trains which are supposed to take an hour in running to Chicago are from one to three hours late. Those who live in Hammond and work in Chicago find that they reach their offices at 9 o'clock and 9:30 instead of at 8 o'clock, when they are expected to arrive.

**Takes Three Hours.**  
Those who are compelled to rely on the loop service to make the trip from Indiana Harbor, Gibson and Standard to Hammond, say that they are delayed all of the way from one to three hours in reaching their homes after their day's work on done.

In fact, the patrons of the Lake Shore railroad are in anything but a pleasant frame of mind. At the recent meeting of the Hammond Business Men's association, W. B. Conkey called attention to the fact that it is impossible to tell how long one will have to wait for a train until it reaches Osborn. The trains are not reported from Indiana Harbor.

**ELMER H. BAKER  
DIES OF PNEUMONIA**

Typhoid-pneumonia yesterday claimed a young victim in Elmer H. Baker, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker. Death came yesterday afternoon after five weeks' illness.

The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon. Services will be held at the Baker residence, 634 Sibley street, at 2 o'clock by the Rev. C. J. Sharp of the Christian church. Burial will be in the family lot at Oak Hill cemetery.

The father is the proprietor of the Paxton & Baker store, on State street. Mr. and Mrs. Baker still have three smaller girls.

## SPECIAL SESSION OF GRAND JURY

Gary Blind Tigers to Be  
Taken Care of by Special  
Prosecutors Appointed by  
Court for Coming Meeting  
of a Grand Jury.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 17.—A special session of the Lake county grand jury will be called for Monday, Jan. 24 at an adjourned session of the Lake circuit court at Crown Point in a second attempt to stamp out the "blind tigers" in Gary.

This information is considered official and although it is being kept a secret as far as possible it was learned by a TIMES reporter at the county seat yesterday.

**Called to Choose Jurors.**  
Jury Commissioners John Brown and J. W. Ott of Crown Point will meet today or tomorrow and select the grand jurors and also the petit veniremen for the regular session of the Lake circuit court, which convenes on Feb. 7.

The circuit court at Valparaiso will adjourn on Friday of this week and Judge W. C. McMahon has called for an adjourned session at Crown Point to convene on the 24th of this month.

**Were Not Satisfied.**  
This story is in keeping with the one published in this paper at the time the "blind tigers" from Gary were on trial last November in which THE TIMES exposed the charges.

satisfied with the investigation conducted by Prosecutor Greenwald and had decided to take the matter into his own hands. Warrants will be issued against the "blind tiger" keepers this week and it is said that an investigation has been going on for the past month collecting evidence against the "blind tiger" keepers.

**Special Prosecution.**  
The special prosecutors appointed to push the investigation before the inquisitorial body are Otto J. Bruce of Crown Point and Attorney Matthews of the Anti-Saloon league. This comes as a surprise to a great many people, but it is known that they are well informed as to the situation in Gary and under strict instructions from Judge McMahon they will push the investigation to the fullest extent and bring the strong arm of the law against all the offenders.

**WELL KNOWN MAN  
DIES IN TEXAS**

Thomas B. Lee, One of  
Crown Point's Pioneer  
Business Men, Is Dead.

(Special to THE TIMES.)  
Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Lee, living on North Main street, received the sad intelligence yesterday of the death of her husband, Thomas Benton Lee, who several months ago went west to engage in farming. Mr. Lee's death came suddenly, while he was splitting rails to be used for the purpose of fencing in his newly-acquired land. Apoplexy was the direct cause of his death, although it is said he had been ailing for some time.

Mr. Lee was one of Crown Point's best known citizens and business men, having been engaged in the coal business for many years at this place with his son, Benton Jr., selling out his interest to the Peters' concern.

It is said that the deceased is a descendant of the famous southern Lees of civil war fame, and fought for the southern cause during the war of the rebellion.

The funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, but the remains will be brought here for burial.

Benton Lee Jr. was in the western country with his father at the time of his death, and Mrs. Lee was preparing to join the family there as soon as local business interests were settled. Mrs. Lee, a son and daughter survive the deceased, and to them the community's sympathy is extended.

**ASK THE PEOPLE WHO ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES WHETHER IT PAYS OR NOT. IF THEY SAY IT DOESN'T, DON'T ADVERTISE.**

## COMMENTS THE CRUSADE.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 14, 1910.  
Editor of THE TIMES:

How glad I am that somebody has started a crusade against the presence of minors in poolrooms. My idea is that if somebody had looked after this before there would not have been so many young toughs in Hammond today. It matters not what some men say about THE TIMES, we could not get along without it. The moment it enters the house we all grab for it from the oldest to the youngest, but its always THE TIMES first. Another thing that is a damage to boys is these burlesque shows that are allowed to enter our city. My son is 16 years old. My son says he never enters the poolrooms, and the Lord only knows whether he does or not, but he is crazy over shows, especially where degraded women get on the stage and dance. That and only that has ruined many a boy. But how can you blame the boys when they see some of the would-be respectable men at such places. If some of these men that are trying to keep the boys out of the poolrooms would keep their sons away from these burlesque shows and stay at home with their wives themselves the nights these shows are in town we would have better men in the near future. I hope the time will come when the people of Hammond will allow no such shows to enter town.

FROM A MOTHER.

## FRANCHISE QUESTIONS TAKEN UP

fuses to Comment on  
Graft Charges—Attorney  
Meyer Says South Bend  
Story Was Unauthorized.

Not until the board of public works has the specifications for the new electric light and power contract in shape will anything be done in regard to the South Shore line franchise, which has been referred back to it by both the old and new city councils.

Members of the board were shown the recent dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald from South Bend, in which Attorney F. J. Lewis Meyer is quoted as saying that he can get the franchise in Hammond provided he comes across with the price to certain councilmen. The board did not comment on the article to any extent, having already been assured by Mr. Meyer that the statement was unauthorized.

The board recognized the article as practically the same as that which appeared in a recent issue of the Lake County Democrat. It does in no way assail the character of the board, and that body's hands are clean, for it has accepted the franchise and passed it to the council.

Before a conference is held between the board and the officials of the Inter-urban company, the board will not commit itself as to just how many of the proposed amendments which are attached to the franchise will be considered by it. Indeed, it is doubtful whether the board will consider any of them seriously as it has already put its O. K. on the franchise.

There are no indications that the board will take up the Northern Indiana Traction company very soon. The board prefers to wait in this matter until the franchise is in shape to show a right of way through the balance of Lake county before it will take up the question of granting a right of way through Hammond.

**Death of Tom Wiley.**  
Tom Wiley, one of Hammond's oldest saloonkeepers and quite an active politician, died yesterday, his death being due to typhoid-pneumonia. Mr. Wiley is survived by a wife and two daughters, one of whom is married, and one son. To many of his friends it was not known that Mr. Wiley was sick and the news of his death came as a distinct shock. Mr. Wiley was established in business at Roby, his place of business being near the Wolf lake. While it was not definitely known in Hammond today, it is thought that the funeral will be held next Wednesday.

**Finds Horse and Buggy.**  
Christ Kleinschmidt, 613 Walter street, yesterday found a stray horse and buggy at the corner of Oakley avenue and Sibley street. Upon driving the outfit to the police station it was learned that it belonged to John Yarek of 343 Douglas street, West Hammond.

**IF YOU THINK THAT THE TIMES IS TRYING TO GIVE YOU THE NEWS, YOUR SUBSCRIPTION WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

## SALOON DECISION DID NOT SURPRISE

Principals in Noted Gary Remonstrance Case Express Their  
Opinions on Ruling

## WHAT THEY SAY.

**THEODORE DINZEN:** "We put up a hard fight, as is shown by the result where we lost the case by a margin of seven signs on the remonstrance. I can't say that I am surprised at the result, although I thought we had a chance right along. I am anxious to see now whether Mr. Matthews will do as he said and close up the blind tigers operating in the city five days after the decision was rendered, providing it was favorable to the remonstrators."

**JAMES SCANLON:** "Well, I have had a feeling deep down in my heart that he would not win that case. We came close to landing it, but a 'miss is as good as a mile.' We will probably file an appeal bond and take the matter to a higher court, although we are not sure of this step at the present time."

## LAW SCHOOL PROSPERS SPLENDIDLY

Nearly Eighteen Thousand  
Students Have Thus Far  
Been Matriculated in the  
Lincoln-Jefferson University's  
Extension Course.

Practically eighteen thousand students have thus far matriculated for the extension course in connection with the Lincoln-Jefferson university of this city, and more are coming in daily. The law course being the oldest naturally has the larger number of students, but the collegiate course and the extension department dealing with business, commerce and finance are rapidly adding large numbers to the school which, while still an infant in years, is already forging to the front as a national university.

It would be surprising to see the stacks of letters of appreciation that come to Dr. W. Mayes Martin, president of the university. The letters come from all over the United States and are from students who express their delight and pleasure in the work. It is the boast of the Lincoln-Jefferson university that it is the only university in the United States that has such a system of text books and educational as it has, and the work that the school is doing is beginning to show results.

**Student Takes Highest Honors.**  
One student in Marietta, Ohio, who is attending no other law school, but is a graduate of Lincoln-Jefferson College of Law, has taken the highest honors at a recent state bar examination in Ohio. Ohio is classed among one of the "stiff" states in the union for a bar examination, and naturally this student's work redounds to the credit of his alma mater. Another student who took the state bar examination in Montana wrote to Dr. Martin saying that the school's examinations were harder than the state examination which ought to be considered good evidence that the university is doing thorough work.

Edison J. Hockenbury of Lebanon, Pa., was the first graduate of the school. He is the secretary of a Y. M. C. A. organization there, and through his influence the law department in that institution has been made one of the leading features.

**Resident School Working Splendidly.**  
In the resident school of the law department the work is progressing exceedingly well. The attendance is uniformly good, a fact which shows that the university is being appreciated in Hammond and the Calumet region. The founders and faculty of the school are now looking forward to their new home, a site for which has been purchased on South Hohman street, just south of the Presbyterian church. Plans for the building will soon be ordered, it being the purpose of the founders of the school to build this year.

## BRUCE IS GRATIFIED

Blind Tigers May Now Feel  
Brunt of Anti-Saloon  
League Fight.

Attorney Otto J. Bruce, of Crown Point, who has been very active with the Anti-Saloon league in fighting the saloon case for the remonstrators, was the happiest man in Lake county when he heard of Judge McMahon's decision last Saturday evening.

Mr. Bruce was on his way to his home in Crown Point when he purchased a copy of The Times. This was the first intimation he had received that the decision had been rendered.

**SURPRISE TO HIM.**  
"This is a great surprise to me," said

Mr. Bruce to a TIMES reporter.

"There is not an attorney in the case on either side knew of the decision until we saw it in THE TIMES, and how you were able to print the complete text of Judge Tutthill's decision is so

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## MURDER AT GIBSON LAST NIGHT

Hammond Police Are Baffled by Mystery in Railroad Yards—Sicilian Is Killed After Much Shooting in Box Car.

The mysterious murder of a foreigner at Gibson, yesterday evening, is baffling the Hammond police today, and no clue can be expected until they find the motive for the murder. One man has been placed under arrest as a suspect, but he seemingly tells a straightforward story of how three men assailed him and his partner, the dead man.

The dead man is Sam Ristivo, 25 years old. He is a Sicilian, but has been in this country long enough to learn the English language. He was a lamp tender in the Gibson yards and had an assistant in Philip Frostiere, a young Sicilian, who has been in this country only six weeks. These two men had a bungalow in a freight car which is stationed in the Indiana Harbor yards, a little east of the old Forsyth avenue and just west of the car shops.

**Frostiere Tells Story.**  
They occupied the car alone and were alone yesterday when, according to Frostiere, they were assailed. Frostiere told the following story to the police this morning, through an interpreter.

"Ristivo and I were alone in the car, Sam being at work in the preparation of our supper. Three men, each about 30 years old, came to the door and came in without much formality. I do not know of what nationality they were for in what language they spoke to Sam. Little was said between them and my partner. I asked him what they wanted and he told me in my language that they wanted work."

"I still expected no trouble, when suddenly I heard a shot fired. Two of the men were in the bungalow, while one stood outside. Sam reached for

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